

THE RIGHTS OF THE STATES, AND THE UNION OF THE STATES.

have not examined to any extent the proposition of the gent. from Maryland, (Cust Johnson.) Although I am on that Committee, I do not wish to be considered as committing myself in favor of that proposition, or responsible for it; but sir, I claim, in behalf of the honor of this nation that when petitions asking for the aid from the House of Representatives are presented there, that they shall be fairly and fairly considered, and not pecked aside by these side winds and blows from the Committee of Ways and Means. No matter how